

The “Problem of Practice” Protocol

24-30 minutes

- 2 minutes: Overview of the process/ground rules/times for process steps.
- 4-5 minutes: One group member presents by sharing a challenge/problem with enough contextual information to allow audience to understand the issue at hand.
- 4-5 minutes: Critical friends ask questions for **clarification**.
- 2 minutes: Critical friends silently consider what they’ve heard and what they might offer as a suggestion.
- 2 minutes: Group members share suggestions with their ‘elbow’ partners.
- 4-5 minutes: Critical friends offer suggestions, recommend strategies, etc., as presenter takes notes
- 3-5 minutes: Presenting District reflects on the comments and identifies probable next steps.
- 3-5 minutes: Critical friends identify something they heard which they may use to improve their practice.